



Senior leaders held accountable for nuclear Enterprise missteps

9/25/2008 - **WASHINGTON (AFP)** — Air Force leaders released details today about administrative actions being taken against 15 officers in connection with deficiencies outlined in a report reviewing elements of the service's nuclear enterprise.

"The Air Force has no more solemn obligation than the security and reliability of the nation's nuclear arsenal," Air Force Chief of Staff General Norton A. Schwartz said. "Commanders are accountable for all aspects of their commands, as are general officers for their functional responsibilities."

The Secretary of Defense charged Navy Adm. Kirkland H. Donald's with conducting a comprehensive review of the Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) force following the mistaken shipment of four ICBM nose-cone fuse assemblies to Taiwan in August 2006.

The Air Force, in accordance with policy and precedence for Department of Defense-level inquiries, decided to release

the names of the six general officers held responsible in the outcome of the investigation. They are:

- Lt. Gen. Kevin J. Sullivan
- Lt. Gen. Michael A. Hamel
- Maj. Gen. Roger W. Burg
- Maj. Gen. Kathleen D. Close
- Brig. Gen. Francis M. Bruno
- Brig. Gen. Arthur B. Cameron III

"We recognize the years of dedicated service these officers have given, but we cannot ignore the breaches of trust that have occurred on their watch," said Acting Secretary of the Air Force Michael B. Donley.

The Air Force previously did not release the names of the general officers to allow each individual the opportunity to comment or provide any additional, clarifying information before the actions were finalized, and to respect the officers' privacy while matters were under review.

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Acting Secretary of the Air Force Michael B. Donley and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton A. Schwartz speak to members of the press on matters of accountability with regard to nuclear assurance from the Pentagon Sept. 25. The press conference outlined actions taken by the Air Force in response to the Donald Report. (U.S. Air Force photo by Scott Ash)

October is Breast cancer awareness month

By **Capt. Patricia Rohrbeck**
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October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and this year's education campaign "Pass the Word," consists of communication initiatives to engage women and

men in early detection of breast cancer.

Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in women after lung cancer. It is the most common cancer in women in the United States. According to the National Cancer Institute, it is estimated

that about 182,460 women in the United States will be newly identified to have invasive breast cancer in 2008.

Approximately 40,480 women will die from the disease this year. Right now there are slightly over 2 million women living in the United States who have

been treated for breast cancer. Even though breast cancer occurs primarily in women, men can also develop breast cancer.

To read this story in its entirety or for a list of Breast Cancer Awareness Month events scheduled here, visit www.lajes.af.mil.



Force Protection



Current FPCON: Alpha
Threat Level: Low

Weekend Weather Forecast

Today

Scattered clouds

High 71
Low 64



Saturday

Overcast

High 71
Low 66



Sunday

Scattered clouds

High 73
Low 66



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Strength and Honor Movies inspire MSS commander

By Maj. Peter Pollock

65th Mission Support Squadron commander

When the proud MSS sounds off and says "Strength and Honor," I hear some people snicker and ask themselves,

"Strength and Honor," whatever ... what does that mean? Well, if you paid attention to history you would know. Strength and Honor is the way warriors have conducted themselves throughout history — for thousands of years. In today's world, in the current state of war, all who wear the uniform ought to be warriors, or at the very least be thinking and acting like one.

In the popular film *Gladiator*, the Roman General Maximus greets his legionaries by banging his breastplate and sounding off with "Strength and Honor." Had the film makers wanted to go with Latin, he would have said "*integritas*," which we often translate as "integrity." But the term implies more than that.

At the Roman Army's daily inspection (yes, they did that too), when his centurion walked the ranks, each legionary would bash his metal breastplate with his right fist, striking over his heart and shouting "*integritas*." This meant that he was armed and ready to fight. He'd completed his pre-combat checks. He was ready in body, and also in his soldier's heart, in spirit, for the rigors of the march, the perils of a siege, or the uncertain fortunes of battle against the Germans, the Picts or the Parthians. The clang on the breastplate showed he had his combat weapons and armor, not the flimsy parade versions — strength. But the loud, confident report and the fist to the heart demonstrated that the Roman Soldier stood ready to use his arms for the right purpose — honor.

There is strength in numbers; there is honor in the way we conduct ourselves as individuals. I said to my unit just last week at commander's call: If you can go home at the end of the day and before you climb in to bed ask yourself if you have done the right thing today, and the answer is yes, then that in itself should be a feeling of accomplishment, an accomplishment with honor. If the answer is no, then maybe you need to recheck yourself ... because honor may not define you.

Strength is not just the physical prowess

of muscular ability; there is strength within each of us and the way we conduct ourselves. You must find the internal strength to make decisions in some of the toughest situations.

I was introduced to this term while in Baghdad during the summer of 2005 by (now) Maj. Gen. Daniel Bolger, Commanding General of the Coalition Military Assistance Training Team, who worked directly under the command of (then) Lt. Gen. Davis Petraeus, Commanding General of the Multi-National Security Transitional Command-Iraq. Now that's a distinctive line of warriors; Google either of them and you will see why. General Bolger believed in



Strength and Honor and the way we conducted ourselves under his command permeated throughout the unit. One afternoon, I received a phone call from our counterparts at the Department of State who we were supposed to accompany down to the Ministry of Oil on one of the most dangerous routes through central Baghdad. Their convoy had been ambushed that very day, two dead, eight injured, and their team did not want to

go as planned until their convoy support had been reconstituted. The trip was planned for Thursday (the current day was Tuesday). I walked into General Bolger's office and let him know that I did not feel comfortable riding with the convoy team that had just been ambushed; he made a call and our team would be escorted by the General's own support team, the "Roughriders." The trip was a success — no ambushes — and our team managed to secure the largest grant of oil ever seen to maintain operations at Iraqi bases throughout the country (I know, I am a personnel dude; what was I doing negotiating oil grants?). That experience helped me to understand that no matter what the danger, I must conduct myself with Strength and Honor.

Two of my favorite movies, one because of the storytelling, and other because of the historical significance, are of course, *Gladiator* and *300*. I encourage you to also read the book about the battle of Thermopylae, *Gates of Fire*, by Stephen Pressley.

Now go and find your Strength and Honor!

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Airman 1st Class Josh Adkins, AFN Det. 6, broadcasts songs on AFN 96.1 for the Lajes audience. As part of the campaign for their new sound, different DJs will broadcast a different genre of music for one hour each day. Tune in everyday to see if it is country, classic rock, 80s or something different ... What are your AFN DJs playing during power hour? (Photo by Master Sgt. Pachari Lutke)

This week in photos



Col. Luis Ruivo (left) takes command of Air Base No. 4, as Portuguese Air Force Chief of Staff Luis Araujo passes him the Portuguese Flag Sept. 26 in a flightline ceremony. (Photo by Guido Melo)





Mark your calendar

Lajes Youth Sports Program: Sign-ups for the 2008-2009 Flag-Football and Cheerleading season are ongoing through Oct. 30. All children ages 3-18 are eligible to participate. Registration forms are available at the LYP (Bldg. T-240). Anyone interested in coaching or officiating, can contact Scotte Mendiola at 535-1197.

Chapel Services: 9 a.m. Sunday, Evangelical Service; 10:30 a.m. Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday and 11:30 a.m. Tuesday through Friday, Catholic Mass; and Noon Sunday, Praise Service.

Hispanic Heritage Month Ball: 6 to 9 p.m. Oct. 11 at the Top of the Rock Club. Latin Dance Performance and dancing from 9 to 11 p.m. Tickets are \$25. Extensive Spanish Menu / Dancing. Attire is civilian dress, semi formal/formal. Portrait photographer available. For details, call 535-5076/6785/3606/6206.

Volunteer of the Quarter Packages: 3rd Quarter nominations are due Oct. 10. E-mail Lucy.rodriguez@lajes.af.mil for details.

Resume Writing Workshop: 10 to 11 a.m. Oct. 16 at the A&FRC, Bldg. T-126. Call 535-4138 to register.

Bundles for Babies: 1 to 5 p.m. Oct. 17 at the A&FRC. Sponsored by the Air Force Aid Society. Free bundle valued at \$75 for attending.

Interviewing Skills: Get the information you need to prepare for an interview from 10 to 11 a.m. Oct. 21 at the A&FRC. Call 535-4138 to register.

Thrift Store: Open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

Portuguese Holiday: The shoppette, community center and library will be closed Sunday for the Portuguese holiday Republic Day.

At the Movies



Admission: Free

Location: Community Center

6 p.m. Friday - Swing Vote (Rated PG-13)

2 p.m. Saturday - Space Chimps (Rated G)

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2 p.m. Sunday - (Closed for Portuguese Holiday)

Next week: Step Brothers and X-Files

Change to the PCM and Dentist on call phone numbers

PCM on call: 927-156-485

Dentist on call: 927-157-909

As a reminder, use these numbers when it is NOT an emergency, but you still need to speak to a physician or a dentist.

The emergency number remains 911 on base and 295-571-911 off base.



Water Shortage

According to Praia Ambiente, water will be turned off in some areas of Porto Martins on Wednesdays and

Saturdays until further notice due to a water shortage. Water will be off for 24 hours and begin midnight the day prior. For Wednesday, water will be off from midnight Tuesday to midnight Wednesday.

Classified Ads

E-mail classified ads to news@lajes.af.mil by 5 p.m. the Thursday prior to the week you need it published. Notify the Crossroads when items have been sold. Lajes personnel may also post ads at Lajesads.com. This site is not affiliated with the Crossroads or the Air Force.

Finanical Peace University Course: The Dave Ramsey class that will change your life. It will meet on Mondays starting Oct. 13 and runs for 10 weeks. The cost of the kit is \$100, but this class will save you thousands. If you are interested in attending, contact Dawn Coley at 295-549-381 or bndcoley@yahoo.com

Nanny Available: Most amazing nanny ever. We PCS'd back to Lajes and waited until she was available. She worked for us on our first tour here and has been with us for two years on this assignment. Call Donna at 295-549-504.

Nanny/Babysitter/Housekeeper available: Mid Nov time frame or sooner. Julie is awesome! Our son is almost 3 & she will have helped us raise him from 6 wks-3 yrs. She speaks English very well and has taught our son fluent Portuguese, colors, and counting in both languages. Call 295 516 136. Feel free to leave a message and we'll get back to you.

Lawn Swing — Brand new, hardly used (maybe 4 times) Cushions and awning kept inside. Excellent condition \$180. Call Bob at 295-549-504

LAJES COMMUNITY BOARD

National Stamp Collecting Month

The post office is promoting national stamp collecting month. Stop by the post office customer counter to participate. A weekly drawing of 6 winners per week will win. Winners will be drawn on Thursdays and notified through e-mail or called by the following Monday. The prizes are various collectable stamp items. For more information, call 535-POST (7678).



Street Bullfights

Saturday

Rua Gervasio Lima, Praia
Canada Caldeiro, Biscoitos (5:30 p.m.)

Sunday

Casa da Ribeira
Ponta Ribeira Seca, São Sebastião

Monday

Lajes

Tuesday

Lajes

Wednesday

Lajes

Bullfights begin at 5 p.m. unless otherwise noted

